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Medicaid Overview

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What Is Medicaid?

- **Medicaid established un Title XIX of Social Security Act of 1965**

- **Entitlement program to provide health services for certain Age , Blind, and Disabled.**

- **Federal law created a cash benefit called Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

What Does Medicaid Pay For?

Eligible residents include low-income parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Medicaid may help pay for certain medical expenses.

- **Mandatory v Optional programs**

- **Basic medical services to categorically needy includes: hospital, physician, family planning, pediatric, laboratory and other services.**

- **Approved state plan amendments**

Basic Tenets and Waivers

BASIC TENETS

- **Payer of Last Resort**

- **Free care exclusion**

- **Comparability**

- **State-wideness**

- **Freedom of Choice**

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How Do We Improve Medicaid?

Address current challenges

The current Medicaid program needs to undergo changes to support our goal of a healthier North Carolina.

We will do this through:
- **Collaboration**
- **Innovation**